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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF IRRADIATED MOON ROCK SAMPLES

REF: (A) STATE 172075, (B) NEW DELHI 10048, (C) NEW
DELHI 10152

1. JACK MILLER ARRIVED INDIA JULY 29. RETURN TRIP TRAVEL
PLANS LEFT OPEN. TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR RETURN TO NEW
DELHI FROM AHMEDABAD ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 8, WITH DEPAR-
TURE NEW DELHI FOR U.S. AUGUST 9. ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC PLANS
UNKNOWN, EXPECT MILLER WILL FLY AIR INDIA TO FRANKFURT,
CONTINUING ON PAN AM TO DULLES.

2. NASA CABLED GOEL AUGUST 1 WITH REQUEST HE TELEPHONE
OR CABLE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE (1) RADIATION COUNT, IF ANY,
DETECTED AT OUTSIDE SURFACE OF BOX AFTER IRRADIATED
SAMPLES BOXED IN LEAD SHIELDING, AND (2) BRIEF DESCRIP-
TION OF TYPE IRRADIATION TO WHICH SAMPLES SUBJECTED.
NASA BELIEVES ABOVE INFO REQUIRED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER
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PROPOSED SHIPMENT COMPLIES WITH REGULATIONS CONCERNING

COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSFER OF IRRADIATED MATERIAL.

3. AFTER RECEIPT OF ABOVE INFO FROM GOEL, REQUEST POST DETERMINE WHETHER PROPOSED SHIPMENT VIA COMMERCIAL AIR POSSIBLE. LOCAL PAN AM OFFICE SUGGESTED CONTACTING ITS OFFICE IN NEW DELHI, WHICH COGNIZANT INDIAN REGULATIONS AND COULD ALSO ADVISE OF RELEVANT REGULATIONS GOVERNING TRANSIT OF GERMANY.

4. NASA REGULATIONS REQUIRE SAMPLES REMAIN IN POSSESSION OF COURIER AT ALL TIMES. NASA LETTER (STATE 172075), UNDER AGREEMENT WITH FAA, PERMITS AIRLINES TO ALLOW SAMPLES BE BROUGHT INTO AIRCRAFT PASSENGER CABIN. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, NASA FEELS REQUEST BRING IRRADIATED MATERIAL INTO PASSENGER CABIN NOT ADVISABLE AND WILLING HAVE SAMPLES RIDE IN CARGO HOLD. TO MINIMIZE TIME WHEN SAMPLES NOT IN MILLER'S POSSESSION, NASA REQUESTS ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE WITH AIRLINES TO PERMIT MILLER PERSONALLY PLACE PACKAGE IN HOLD PRIOR TAKEOFF AND RETRIEVE AFTER LANDING TO AVOID UNCERTAINTY OF ROUTINE BAGGAGE HANDLING PROCEDURE.

5. NASA BELIEVES BRIEF POST LETTER TURNING OVER SAMPLES TO MILLER AND INTRODUCING HIM TO AIRLINES WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN ASSURING UNUSUAL REQUEST IS POSITIVELY CONSIDERED.

6. REQUEST SCICOUNS WILLIAMS RELAY SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE TO MILLER IN AHMEDABAD EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND INFORM HIM RESULT DETERMINATION WHETHER POSSIBLE TRANSPORT SAMPLE VIA COMMERCIAL AIR. INGERSOLL

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